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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ARMS TRANSFER TO UGANDA

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORT THAT TOTAL OF 100 TONS OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS WAS AIRLIFTED FROM KISMAYU (0 DEGREES 30' S./42 DEGREES 50'E) TO ENTEBBE, UGANDA, ON SEPT 7 AND 9. SOURCE, AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN SUPERVISING WORK AT KISMAYU AIRPORT AND WHO IS ATTACHED TO ICAO, WITNESSED LOADING OF APPROXIMATELY 20 TONS ABOARD C-130 AIRCRAFT BEARING UGANDAN CIVILIAN MARKINGS ON SEPT. 7. HE STATED THAT AT LEAST ONE CREW MEMBER OF C-130 WAS AMERICAN.

2. SOURCE IDENTIFIED THE SHIPMENT AS WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION ON
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THE BASIS OF PREVIOUS OBSERVATIONS IN HARGEISA WHERE HE WAS

ABLE TO GET NEAR ENOUGH TO SIMILARLY SIZED AND SHAPED
RATES TO READ THE MARKINGS*; HE WAS NOT ABLE TO GET SO
NEAR ON THE PRESENT OCCASION BUT A SOMALI EMPLOYEE OF THE
AIRPORT CONFIRMED THAT AIRCRAFT WAS BEING LOADED WITH ARMS.
SOURCE REPORTED THAT LARGEST CRATES HE OBSERVED WERE TWO
METERS BY ONE METER BY ONE AND ONE-HALF METERS. SMALLER,
MORE NUMEROUS CASES WERE DESCRIBED AS BEING "ABOUT THE SIZE
OF BANANA BOXES" (SIC) AND, CONTAINING IN THE SOURCE'S
BELIEF, SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.

3. COMMENT:

WHILE WE HAVENO WAY TO VERIFY INDEPENDENTLY THE
SUBSTANCE OF THIS REPORT, WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT ITS
VERACITY. END COMMENT.
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